

# 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Minutes of the proceedings at the meeting of the **FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** meeting held on this day in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, WOKINGHAM** from 7.30pm to 9.40pm.

## **PRESENT**

Chairman: M Gee

Councillors: R Bishop-Firth, N Campbell-White, N Fox, S Gurney, D Lee, K Malvern and I Shepherd-Dubey.

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Town Clerk: Jan Nowecki

RFO: Nicky Harmsworth

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr P Cunnington.

## **MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda Item 2)**

Cllr N Campbell-White declared a prejudicial interest because of his involvement with Citizens Advice Wokingham and stated that he would leave the room when this organisation came up for discussion.

Cllr R Bishop-Firth declared a prejudicial interest because of her involvement with Wokingham Job Support and Wokingham District Veteran Tree Association and stated that she would leave the room when these organisations came up for discussion.

Cllr N Fox declared a prejudicial interest because of his involvement with Our Community First and stated that he would leave the room when this organisation came up for discussion.

Cllr K Malvern declared a prejudicial interest because of his involvement with Guides and Scout Organisations and Autism Berkshire and stated that he would leave the room when these organisations came up for discussion.

Cllrs R Bishop-Firth, M Gee, and I Shepherd-Dubey declared a prejudicial interest because of their involvement with Wokingham Borough Council and stated that they would leave the room when this organisation came up for discussion.

## **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OR PUBLIC (Agenda Item 3)**

No questions were received.

## **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (Agenda Item 4)**

It was proposed by Cllr M Gee and seconded by Cllr S Gurney and it was

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that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted i.e. commercial, financial and personnel it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and instructed to withdraw.

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## **APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2020/21 (Agenda Item 5)**

A spreadsheet listing the grants awarded last year together with this year's application forms and supporting documentation were received for consideration.

At the July 2019 Finance & Personnel meeting, resolution 29959 had confirmed that the existing grants policy be used for 2020-21 grant funding cycle and that the current Service Providers be extended for 2020-21 to allow the grants policy to be reviewed in line with the new strategic plan.

It was proposed by Cllr N Campbell White and seconded by Cllr S Gurney and it was

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that the grants should be allocated as follows;

### **Service Providers**

#### **All Saints Church – Church Yard Maintenance**

A grant of £1,800 be awarded.

#### **Holt Copse Conservation Volunteers**

A grant of £575 be awarded.

#### **Wokingham Lions Club – May Fayre**

A grant of £10,500 be awarded

#### **St Catherine's Church – Parish Of Winnersh**

A grant of £600 be awarded.

#### **St Sebastian Wokingham Band**

A grant of £4,000 be awarded.

#### **St Paul's Church**

A grant of £1,000 be awarded.

#### **The Cultural Partnership**

A grant of £4,700 be awarded.

#### **Wokingham Winter Carnival Committee**

A grant of £10,200 be awarded.

#### **Sport Sponsorship fund (Wokingham Borough)**

A provision of £2,000 for match funding Wokingham Borough Sponsorship was agreed to be used as called upon during 2020/21.

A total of £35,375 was allocated to the Service Providers.

Non Service Provider application forms and supporting documentation were received for consideration and discussion.

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It was proposed by Cllr N Campbell White and seconded by Cllr S Gurney and it was

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that the grants should be allocated as follows;

**All Saints Church (Community Church 2020)**

A grant of £2,000 be awarded.

**Arc Youth Counselling**

A grant of £3,500 be awarded.

**Autism Berkshire (working name of Berkshire Autistic Society)**

No grant to be awarded.

**Berkshire Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre**

No grant to be awarded.

**Citizens Advice Wokingham**

A grant of £10,000 be awarded.

**CLASP**

A grant of £2,208 be awarded.

**Dingleys Promise**

A grant of £1,568 be awarded.

**First Wokingham (St Paul's) Scout Group**

A grant of £2,000 be awarded.

**Friends of the Emm Brook (FOTEB)**

A grant of £400 be awarded.

**GirlGuiding UK**

No grant to be awarded.

**Guiding - Wokingham Division**

No grant to be awarded.

**Home-Start Wokingham District**

A grant of £2,000 be awarded.

**Involve Community Services**

No grant to be awarded.

**Just Around the Corner (JAC) Ltd**

A grant of £4,450 be awarded.

**Kaleidoscopic uk**

A grant of £835 be awarded.

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**Keep Mobile Community Transport CIO**

A grant of £1,000 be awarded.

**The Link Visiting Scheme**

A grant of £5,000 be awarded.

**Me2 Club**

No grant to be awarded.

**Our Community First**

A grant of £1,000 be awarded.

**ReadiBus**

A grant of £1,000 be awarded.

**Revitalise Respite Holidays**

No grant to be awarded.

**South East Berks Gang Show**

No grant to be awarded.

**The Cowshed**

A grant of £1,000 be awarded.

**The Wokingham Volunteer Centre**

A grant of £1,000 be awarded.

**Wokingham Borough Council - Pond**

No grant to be awarded.

**Wokingham Choral Society**

A grant of £1,000 be awarded.

**Wokingham Cycling Club**

A grant of £2,000 be awarded.

**Wokingham District Veteran Tree Association**

A grant of £100 be awarded.

**Wokingham Job Support Centre**

A grant of £2,500 be awarded.

**Wokingham Pantomime Society**

A grant of £1,000 be awarded.

Applications for grants amounted to £119,055 and during this evening's meeting a total of £80,936 (including service providers) was awarded. As the whole budget had not been allocated discussions were held as to whether the remaining budget should go into a separate reserve, this will be reviewed in line with a new grants policy.

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Letters would be sent to all applicants advising them of the outcome of their applications and giving details of the recently adopted strategic plan which would form the basis for a new grants policy for future years.

**ACTION RFO**

**CHAIRMAN**

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